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## HIV PREVENTION RESEARCH AND EVALUATION SECTION

### **What we do:**

The HIV Prevention Research and Evaluation (PRE) Section within the California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS (CDHS/OA), HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Branch operates to support the research and evaluation needs of OA-funded HIV prevention programs throughout California. PRE provides research and evaluation support to ensure program goals are being met and prevention activities are as effective as possible.

### **What we have done:**

PRE has developed a comprehensive plan to provide formative, process and outcome evaluation. A key function of PRE staff, was the development and implementation of several information systems to support prevention programs for all clients who receive counseling and testing services within OA-funded settings, and a web-based data system to collect information about services provided via education and prevention programs such as outreach, group interventions, and prevention case management. These systems have been instrumental in identifying gaps in services and needs for technical assistance as well as streamlining processes for maximum effectiveness.

PRE, in conjunction with the Universitywide AIDS Research Program, has conducted outcome evaluation and research translation activities to ensure that service providers have access to evidence-based prevention interventions that have been proven to be effective, and to ensure that support is available to agencies that conduct evidence-based interventions.

Other research support activities include:

- Assessment of the Partner Counseling and Referral Services;
- Evaluation of prevention activities for injection drug users; and
- Operations research to develop effective protocols for rapid HIV testing technology.

PRE also conducts research and interprets research findings to provide evidence-based recommendations for prevention policies, and provides technical assistance to agencies in developing or adapting evidence-based interventions via collaboration with the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies/California Technical Assistance Project.

### **Reports and publications:**

- 2001 California HIV Counseling and Testing Annual Report (February 2004).
- 2000 California HIV Counseling and Testing Annual Report (July 2002).

To access and download these and other reports see Website  
<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/Reports/default.htm>.



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### Helpful resources:

- For information on other local HIV/AIDS services, see the *California Clearinghouse Resource Directory* at Website <http://www.hivinfo.org/links/lhj.htm>.
- For information about HIV/AIDS, call the:
  - *California AIDS Hotline* at (800) 367-AIDS (English/Spanish/Filipino) or (888) 225-AIDS (TDD).
  - *National AIDS Hotline* at (800) 342-AIDS (English), (800) 344-SIDA (Spanish), or (800) 243-7889 (TDD).
- For information on OA's mission and programs, and other helpful resources, see Website <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS>.



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